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AB - J05070696 Plastic container is formed from a compsn. prepd. by adding  
10 to 40 wt.% of filler to biodegradable plastic. The filler is in  
particles having an ave. dia. below 20.0 micron.

- It includes calcium carbonate, hydrated magnesium silicate (talc),  
etc. The biodegradable plastic includes polyester such as copolymer of  
poly-3-hydroxybutyrate (3HB), poly-4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB), and  
polyhydroxyvalerate (PHV), aliphatic polymer such as polycaprolactone,  
polyglycolide such as polylactic acid, etc. and mixt. of two or more  
of these polymers. The container includes bottle, cup, etc.

- ADVANTAGE - The container has high elastic modulus and tensile  
strength, and improved biodegradability even when it has high wall  
thickness.

- In an example, a bottle made from a 880:20 mixt. of 3HB-3HV copolymer  
and talc having an ave. particle dia. of 10.0 microns was immersed in  
a soln. of enzyme refined from penicillium funiculosum IFO 6345 soln.  
for 24 hrs. and the bottle showed a loss in weight of 32%. Test piece  
made from the mixt. had a maximum stress of 1.47 kgf/mm<sup>2</sup> and an  
elastic modulus of 136.73 kgf/mm<sup>2</sup>. (Dwg.0/0)

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TI - Plastic container e.g. bottl , with high elastic modulus,

tensile-strength and biodegradability - by adding filler .g. calcium carbonate, f below 20 microns dia. to biodegradable plastic e.g. poly-3-hydroxy butyrate